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The Christian Pilgrimage

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"And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom; and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." Num. 21:4.

INTRODUCTION

The experiences of Israel's pilgrimage from Egypt to Canaan bring to the Christian many beautiful and helpful lessons. Their experience under the bondage of the Egyptian taskmasters is a good picture or type of a slave under sin, and their deliverance from such bonds, and exodus from that cursed country portrays one as he denounces sin, throws off the hard yoke and begins on the Christian era, the mountains and valleys, seas and plains, battles and blessings, happiness and discouragements, good times and hard times, go to make up the pictures and experiences of the Christian pilgrimage, for on the journey the true Christian will find them all.

FIRST FEW MILES OF THE WAY
On the morning that Pharaoh's message reached Israel to get up out of Egypt and go and worship the Lord, they were all filled with joy and gladness and marched harnessed up out of Egypt with nothing in view only the milk and honey side of Canaan, and it only three days ahead. I am sure if Israel had known of the forty years of battles and disappointments ahead of them they would not have been so anxious to leave Egypt. Sinners usually accept Christianity with the bright side always in view, they think of the joy and blessings it has to offer and Heaven in the end, and the first few days or weeks are most generally full of joy and demonstrations.

Personally, when I first accepted Christ I saw only the sunny side of life and lived in the sunshine of God's glory for a long time without even a cloud, and I am glad that I did. After a few weeks in this glorious state of living I was preparing to leave the church where I was converted when my pastor called me aside for a little counsel, and said, "When you get away you will have some dark days and will see times that you will feel as though you had no salvation at all, but when you feel that way don't give up but get off somewhere by yourself and pray." If we had more pastors who would give this kind of advice to the young people of the church instead of so much knocking and banging and "you are backslid if you are not shouting," we would have fewer backsliders and more young people in the church today.

THE FIRST TEST

Israel marched triumphantly with no battles or obstacles until they came to the Red Sea, but here they lifted up their eyes and saw the host of Pharaoh as it drew near. They were afraid and made their first expression of doubt and dissatisfaction with the way and probably would have returned to Egypt with Pharaoh if it had not been for the good, encouraging advice of their brave leader. But Moses encouraged them, bidding them see how God would save them. It seems from the narrative that Moses did not know how the Lord was going to make possible their salvation, but spoke only from a heart full of faith, for we read, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward, But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea." Ex. 14:15, 16.

That night the two armies, the fugitives and the pursuers were encamped near each other, between them was the pillar of the cloud, darkness unto the Egyptians and light to the Israelites. Perhaps in Israel the sounds of the hostile camp might be heard on the one hand and on the other the roaring of the sea, but the pillar was a barrier and sign of deliverance. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and the next morning Israel marched dry shod thru the midst of the sea and went out on the other side of the sea singing songs of victory. Thus their first trial proved a blessing and even in after years when they were sorely oppressed by their enemies they could look back upon God's miraculous deliverance at the sea and their faith would be encouraged.

Victoriously delivered in their trial they pressed forward toward the land of milk and honey with much enthusiasm determined to soon view the promise land, thinking probably the sea was the only obstacle in the way.

MUCH DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE WAY
They have now reached Kadesh on (Continued on page three)

God Can Work When No Man Can Hinder

ALAMO, Tex. — I praise God this morning for that sweet love I feel deep in my soul. I praise Him for salvation. I thank Him for the church here in the valley. The devil is working hard but the Lord is blessing just the same and souls are praying thru in almost every service. I am proud we are serving a God who has greater power than the devil and can work when no man can hinder. We have some real true blue saints of God here in the valley, ones who are not afraid to suffer for God and His church. We have a nice band of young people in the church here. They have organized a C. of G. Y. P. E. and are coming along fine. Others are getting interested. We ask all the saints to pray for us here for we surely need your prayers. Pray for our pastor. He is a real man of God and doing his best for God and His church. Pray for my husband and me that we may ever stay humble before the Lord and that our children will turn to the Lord before it is too late. — Fannie Yancey.

God's Power Is Wonderful

BIG SPRINGS, Tex. — I am glad to report victory for the Church of God at Big Springs. We have just closed a three weeks' revival here. God blessed us in every service. His power was wonderful. Five were saved and sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. The saints seem to be encouraged. Every one seems to be doing all they can for the dear old Church of God. Sister Ora Mae Ruff was helping in the revival but was called to be with her mother who was struck with paralysis. On the last Saturday and Sunday nights of the meeting we were glad to have with us Brother and Sister Brous from Wheeler, Tex. and Brother and Sister Ruff from Mobeetie. We feel so grateful to the Lord for His many blessings to us since we've been in Big Springs. He has more than repaid us for coming here. We love the saints and we desire to be able to be a blessing to them and to the cause of Christ that we love so well. May God bless the dear old Church of God everywhere is our prayer. We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere. — B. A. Ratchford, Big Springs, Tex.

An Open Field In Arizona

Having been appointed district overseer of the State of Arizona at the Assembly, by Brother J. H. Ingram, state overseer, we began making preparations to start West. Satan did his very best, as usual, to stop us but thanks be to God, we are here on the job at last. We arrived Sunday, Jan. 31, the last day of the state meeting. We launched a revival and are now in the thick of the fight. God is really blessing. The saints are being edified and drawn into closer fellowship. One has been saved and another filled with the Holy Ghost. God is working in a marvelous way. We expect great things this year. Those desiring to work in Arizona this year can reach me at the address below. Arizona has a wonderful climate, is a desirable place to live and an open field for the Church of God. — L. L. Milam, Rt. 9, Bx. 292, Phoenix, Ariz.

Good Seed Sown

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Brother J. W. Hamilton of Harris, Ky. has just closed a ten days' revival at Slate church. Nine were saved, six sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost and five baptized in water. We surely heard some Bible sermons which were food to our souls. The messages he bro't touched hearts that never seemed to be reached before. God's children were blessed and we are praying that the fruit will remain for the seed certainly have been sown. He brought to light things I desired to know. I hope to be one of that number who will be arrayed in fine linen clean and white for it's the Church of God, the Bride, the Lamb's wife. Saints pray for your humble sister. I want to be accounted worthy to join the Church of God. — Mary Stapleton.

THE USEFULNESS AND BLESSING OF SECRET PRAYER TO THE ONE WHO PRAYS

R. P. Johnson, Editor and Publisher
(Continued from Feb. 13.)

EFFECTS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHERS

The usefulness and blessing of secret prayer is manifest in the life of the one who prays as it will effect their attitude toward others, for once you go into your closet and ask God to aid or bless you and you find that just as you have forgiven others God will forgive you, and if you haven't forgiven others neither has God forgiven you. It is then that you will desire to be on the square with every man, and if you desire God to bear with you in your weaknesses, failures, etc., you will at the same time become willing to bear with others whose transgressions against you are no greater than yours was against God. In your closet you will remember that the man or woman whom you may have slighted is probably in their closet, and God can be in both closets at the same time. Suppose He would remove the partition and let you see Him blessing some one whom you consider unworthy of your least favor, some one whom you would be ashamed to invite into your nice home? Yet, God is willing to condescend to their closet.

The only remedy for factions in your church is to get all factions to perform this duty of secret prayer, for those of you who pray in secret will soon adopt God's attitude toward the erring, the weak, the ignorant, the indifferent, careless, blundering ones, and will say, "Oh God, Thou didst bear with me, Thou didst love me, Thou didst care for me while I was yet a rebel and while I grieved Thee and was an enemy of holiness and despoiler of righteousness. Through it all and all through it Thou hast born with me and now hast forgiven ALL. And even though there were multitudes of things that I could not make right, Thou didst not require the impossible, neither didst Thou make any unjust demands, and here now and forever after my attitude toward other erring ones undergoes a change." No wonder the poet cried, SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER, SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER. For one hour's secret prayer will do more to right your attitude towards others than can be done in a week of conferences. If there is a party, neighbor, preacher, or even an enemy that you have not been able to love, try secret prayer.

REVEALS DUTY AND MAKES KNOWN OBLIGATIONS TO SAME

You who have never discovered what your duty is, or you who fail to understand that you have a duty to perform, I want to help you, but God Himself can't help you if you ignore your first duty, and that is prayer. No doubt but there are members of the church here who are looking me in the face, you look your pastor in the face from week to week, you are in the Sunday School class, you look the teacher in the face each Sunday, you look the members of your home in the face daily, you come face to face with your neighbors often, but when it comes to duty you never face it, your back is turned and when some one calls your attention to it, your face has a blank look and your attitude is one of indifference or contempt. There is a cause for this, and thank God, there is a remedy.

The cause has been clearly stated, but I will state it again. You who will not face God in your closets will not face your duty, whether it be to your home, your community, or your church. You seem to think that others should take care of the home, and labor for its welfare, while you spend your time in idleness or just gadding about. Then there is the community with its needy, sick, poverty-stricken, forsaken children, and abandoned mothers. This you know becomes the duty of some one, but you have never discovered that a part of home duties have fallen to you. You seem to be blind to the hands which are stretched out to you, your ears are heavy when it comes to listening to the cry of the needy. The support of the Church, the responsibility of a live Sunday School, the burden of visiting and encouraging weak members, the support of the pastor, in fact, the church's entire program falls to the lot of some one, and if you will spend fifteen minutes each day in secret prayer your eyes will open and your tongue will confess that you have found that there is much to be done. In secret prayer you will discover whose burdens these are. You will dis-

cover that you are UNDER OBLIGATION to the home. It is up to you to make it a happier place to live.

Home, the place where you cast aside the cares of business or labor, home where you may with freedom lay aside your coat, slip off your shoes, unloose your collar, fall across a bed or take a pillow and quilt and make a pallet fit for a king, home where you women can, if you will, reign like queens, and no queen ought to take more pride in reigning on her throne than the housewife should over her home. No queen should be any prouder of the people of her kingdom than the mother should be of her family. No people should honor the queen half so much as son and daughter should mother. Your home should be a happy home and it becomes your duty to make it such. You are under obligation to it.

The same with the neighborhood in which you reside, your obligation calls for you to make it, if possible, the best and most desirable in the city or county. Then there is the church, whether it is a log building with a membership of ten, or a brick building with a membership of five hundred, it becomes your duty to support it with both your presence and finance, and it is your duty to make it the best church, the most spiritual, the one with one hundred per cent loyal membership. Remember that the church, the Sunday School, the prayer meetings, the preaching, in fact, the entire program of the church is carried on as much for the betterment of your home and your neighborhood as for any one else and you are as much under obligation to the church as the pastor, the deacon, or any other member. To you who may have been slack, careless or indifferent to the church, try praying fifteen minutes each day for it, for secret prayer is the remedy which God prescribes. Try it, try it to night and every night.

DEAD SHOT FOR HYPOCRITES

A sinner under deep conviction will betake himself to some secret place and with face down, ashamed to even look up, he will either kneel or lay there for hours, if needs be, seeking relief from sin and self. The saint will often seek a secret place and fall upon his knees, throw up his hands, lifting his face toward Heaven, counting it a glorious privilege to be alone with his Maker for a few minutes or for hours according to his opportunity. The sinner under conviction can and will freely pray because he feels and sees his destitute condition, he is conscious every moment of grave danger and he is seeking relief from such danger. The saint can go and remain in prayer because there is where he received his first touch of real, lasting, satisfying joy. He is always anxious to increase that joy. He takes pleasure in communing with his FATHER, and is happiest when He is pleased. He can with patience tarry before Him for he is anxious for Him to continue the work which He has begun. Therefore, the sinner (if honest) and the saint are induced to secret prayer. But the seeking of forgiveness, the desire for new birth, and joy of a better life holds no attraction for the hypocrite. He is a stranger to pardoning grace. The affections and enjoyments of a Christian he knows not. For spiritual things he has no appetite, no relish, no desire. In the character of God, of Christ, the Holy Ghost and in the new birth he finds no pleasure, and sees no profit, except where hypocrisy may make him a reputation and promote his selfish interest. For this purpose he will appear more engaged in religious services, when he expects to be seen of men, than Christians themselves. Oftentimes you will find him to be a leader in public worship, one who may be heard to pray loud and long, because this conduct will gain him a reputation and character which he covets, for it is here that others see him, in outward show he glories, and the fact that he is being seen or heard of man excites and encourages him to press on in his hypocrisy. But when you seek for those who pray and worship in secret Mr. Hypocrite has no desire to enter a closet and close the door, for there can be no gain there besides that which is spiritual or for the glory of another (GOD). Mr. Hypocrite knows that no reputation can spring from conduct unknown to men. Away from men and alone with

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The Lord Is Working In The Bahamas

GREEN TURTLE CAY, Bah. Is. — Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are glad to report victory for the Church of God at this place. The battle has been fierce and hard at times but we just held on to the great Captain of our salvation and praise the Lord He gave us victory. He said in His precious Word if we wanted anything to ask and we should receive and we had been praying for the Lord to send some one here to help and encourage us. We know it was hard for the saints of God at Knoxville to part with Brother Childers but we are glad God worked in that way. Brother Childers arrived here at Green Turtle Cay on Jan. 7 and began services the next day. The Lord surely blessed him in giving out the Word. He preached it in its fullness and purity. Six were saved, three reclaimed, eight sanctified and eight were filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Childers left for Nassau on Jan. 25 but we continued the services. Three more were saved, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Dear saints, pray for us that we may be faithful unto death and receive a crown of life. — Your unworthy sister, Myrtis Louise Sawyer, Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bah.

Word Preached In Its Fullness

DUNLAP, Tenn. — We are glad to report victory in our souls today. We praise Him because we still have salvation. We started a revival here Jan. 24 with Brothers Walter and Floyd Thurman of Milo, Tenn. in charge. Brother Walter did the preaching and Brother Floyd had charge of the singing. Praise the Lord for such men. Brother Walter gave out the Word in its fullness. This town really needed it. We haven't had a pastor this year so far but the Lord sent us Bro. Thurman and we thank Him for it. There were many souls under conviction. The altar was full almost every night for over two weeks. Some nights there were thirty-seven and forty-two in the altar. Brother Thurman left the meeting in charge of Brother H. K. Keith of Pikeville. He handed them the straight Word. Eight received the Holy Ghost, nine were reclaimed, twelve sanctified, fifteen saved, ten added to the church. People are still coming to the altar in our regular services. There is still lots of work to be done here. Saints everywhere, pray much for this place and pray that we'll succeed in building our new church this summer as we planned.

We ask all who read this to pray for us that we may ever be found doing something for Jesus. We want to be found on the battle field when He comes. So pray much for us. — Your sisters in the Church of God, Mrs. Annie Kilgore, and Mrs. Grace Baumgardner.

We Praise God For Victory

CROWN, W. Va. — We started a revival at the Lax Church conducted by Brother W. S. Ross and P. C. McCane, pastor. It started Dec. 20, 1931. Brother W. S. Ross became disabled and had to go home in two weeks so the pastor and other brethren continued the services four weeks longer. The Lord wonderfully blessed. When Brother Ross left there were thirty-two saved, thirteen sanctified and eleven received the Holy Ghost. The revival closed Jan. 31, 1932 with one hundred and ten saved, thirty-nine sanctified, forty filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-nine baptized in water and forty-five added to the church. The Lord is still blessing, saving, sanctifying and filling with the Holy Ghost. The devil is mad but we praise God for victory. We ask the good saints everywhere to pray for us at Lax. — Mrs. P. C. McCane.

15 Sanctified, 7 Receive Holy Ghost

WHITEVILLE, W. Va. — I praise the dear Lord this morning for free and full salvation and for the way He has been blessing here. We have just closed a meeting with Brother V. W. Blankenship doing the preaching. Twenty-three were saved, fifteen sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost, twelve followed in water baptism, and ten were added to the Church of God. Many others are looking this way. The Word was given out in such a way that people have begun to see light. — Focile Hawks.

Self-Centered or Christ-Centered

T. L. WILLIX

"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15.

These words were spoken by Jesus Himself in answer to an inquiry. There had been an interruption by one of the crowd, who called out, "Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me." But the Lord refused to take any part in this domestic trouble as He does in our own daily affairs. We read of the great disasters on land and sea, famines and all manner of pestilence, earthquakes, etc. The poor out of work and the children crying for bread. We wonder why these things happen as they do many times but He didn't refuse to help this man. He related a parable and here is the picture he painted. The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully and because of this prosperity there followed perplexity as he said, "What shall I do? I have no place to bestow all my fruits and my goods." How easy it would have been for him to have said, "I will give some to my brethren who do not have any." But he said, "This will I do. I will pull down my barns and build greater and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods and I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years. Take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." Notice the lesson the Lord wishes to bring to our minds in this text. Prosperity and perplexity, selfishness and short-sightedness. If there is one thing in this world more despicable than another it is selfishness. The pronoun "I" seems to predominate in this man's talk. I will pull down: I will do; I will restore; I will build. Is there anything more despicable in the sight of God than a self-centered soul? You may ask what I mean by a self-centered soul. I mean one whose thoughts and actions are centered entirely on himself. He will rise in the morning and his first thoughts are: What shall I put on? What am I going to have to eat? How much money am I going to make today? And the whole day is spent in getting for himself. But his soul is lost in misery. No selfish soul is happy. God didn't intend it to be so.

Ananias never thought at the time that he laid a part of the price of the land that he had sold at the apostles' feet that he himself would in a few minutes be lying there in death. But his life was centered on self. Take heed and beware of covetousness. For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Covetousness must first be conceived in the heart before it is put in action. No wonder the wise man said, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." Joshua was getting along fine with his military campaigns. He had captured the east side of the Jordan with the exception of a small strip of land along the Jordan valley. He crossed Jordan and captured Jericho without the loss of a man or beast. So after this battle Joshua sent about three thousand to capture a small city farther west, called Ai, and instead of capturing it they lost thirty-six of their own men. The trouble was soon found when they got back to the camps. A man was found who had committed the awful sin of covetousness. His name was Achan of the tribe of Judah. Not he himself only was destroyed but all that belonged to him. Covetousness is dangerous.

You may ask what I mean by a Christ-centered soul. A soul that wakes in the morning and his first thoughts go up to God in humble submission to His will. What can I do this day that will prove to God that I appreciate His wondrous love to me? He thinks of the great price that God gave to redeem lost and fallen humanity. Then we soon find ourselves emerged in the great sea of God's love and that will make us able to stand the conflicts and disappointments of life. "Know ye not," said Paul, "that ye are the temple of God?" It seems like the way some people act and do that they fail to get the idea of what the temple of God really is. A story was told of an Indian family in the Cherokee reservation. Oil had been found on their land and money poured in upon them, more money than they ever thought was in the world. Some persuaded them to build a great house. To have it beautifully furnished and richly decorated. The house when finished was one of the showy places of that locality. But the Indians while very proud of their showy house just continued to live in their old sod

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Brother Latimer is back from the West and reports a good trip. He will be in the office for the next ten days.

Good news keeps coming from Atlanta, with many receiving the Holy Ghost. Full report later.

J. W. King, clerk of the church at Bennedale, Miss., reports a good meeting in progress there, with Brother E. E. Brewer doing the preaching.

Brother Poteat, overseer of Pennsylvania and Maine, reports things moving good in both states. Surely the Lord is doing great things for us whereof we are glad.

From C. A. Cox, Mabscott, W. Va. comes a report saying that an old time, Church of God revival has broke out there, twenty-six saved, fifteen sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and meeting yet running.

If every bishop and evangelist would get one subscriber each month from now until the Assembly, that would mean nine thousand subscribers. Why not one hundred men and women decide to send us eight in the next month, new or old?

Jesus asked the question, "If a man gain the whole world and lose his soul, what shall it profit him? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" As for me and my answer I will say that, "I have but one soul and I will value it."

From Brother Hamby, pastor of the church at Wilmington, N. C., comes the good news of a great revival there. Many are being blessed. Full report later.

At this particular time when the world and men are rated as being in the worst condition since the days of Noah, let us look to Elijah's God who kept him sweet, warm and lively in a very cold, bitter and dead generation, and while they were at their worst, he was at his best.

An aged saint lying on his death bed in a state of such extreme weakness that he was often partly unconscious of all around him, was asked the cause of his perfect peace. He replied, "When I am able to think, I think only of Jesus, and when I am unable to think of Him I know that He is thinking of me." HE WILL KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THE LORD.

GOING AND COMING

A young minister walked down the aisle of the church with a lordly air, feeling the I AM IT spirit. He blundered around and made a miserable failure. He walked out of the church with his head down and a serious countenance. He went out to one side looking somewhat bewildered. An old minister went over to him and said, "Young man, if you had gone in as you came out you would have come out as you went in."

SEEING WHAT OTHERS CAN'T

A lady once said to Turner, "Why do you put such extravagant colors in

to your pictures? I never saw anything like them in nature." "Don't you wish you did, madam?" said he. It was a sufficient answer. He saw them if she did not. So with Pentecostal, and especially Church of God people, they see in sanctification and the baptism that which others seem to be blind to, and when people tell you that they don't see what you claim to see, do not quarrel with them, but just say, Don't you wish you did?

BE SURE! BE SURE!

In these days when uncertainty is prevalent throughout the political, religious and social world, no one seems to know just what next, and the world's brainiest men are puzzled and perplexed, knowing neither what to do nor say. We would point you to a certainty, and that is, Jesus saves, sanctifies, baptizes, heals and is soon coming again. So if there is one thing that you want to be sure of, let it be concerning your Redeemer. If you have a positive claim to anything, let it be your Redeemer. If you cling to any truth, let it be the truth of our Redeemer's death, resurrection, ascension and soon coming. Everything hangs here. This is the keystone of the gospel, the foundation for our faith and the pinnacle of our hope. BECAUSE I LIVE YE SHALL LIVE ALSO. God, give us more of Paul's certainty, if it cost more of Paul's afflictions.

EARNESTNESS IN PREACHING

One man said that the man who is in earnest always gets there. Put him in a log cabin and he will split rails to the White House. Put him in prison and he will write Pilgrim's Progress. Put out his eyes and he will produce Paradise Lost. When it comes to preaching you might as well try to run a locomotive without steam as to think that you could make a sermon go without earnestness. A preacher without fire in his message is about as attractive in the pulpit as a painted fire would be in freezing weather. Chalmers' power as a preacher and teacher, it is said, was his blood earnestness. A converted Chinaman said, "Send us missionaries with hot hearts." A noted actor said to a preacher in explaining the difference in the size of their audience, "I act fiction like it was truth and you preach truth like it was fiction."

Jesus Will Never Leave Nor Forsake Us

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—Dear Evangel family, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I'm sure you will be glad to hear that the Lord has blessed us with our General Overseer, Brother Latimer, coming by and encouraging us to much with his good preaching which we all enjoyed so much. He came Feb. 11 and left us the morning of Feb. 15. We did thank and praise the Lord so much for his coming. He found most of my family down with typhoid fever and some of them have just merely escaped death. We, in all this, still cling to the hand of Him who doeth all things well. Even while in this test the Lord has blessed several souls with the Holy Ghost in our regular services and several were in the altar while Brother Latimer was here. We hope he can come back when we will all be up and at ourselves and we can furnish him with a large house full and all around the building.

The children in bed with fever 103 and 104 would lay and try to sing and keep time with their hands. There have been seven down. Two of them are up and two more are nearly clear of fever. Aretta, the oldest girl at home came near passing away this morning. Our Lord has seen fit to leave her with us a while longer. A week ago Marvin came near going. He who does all things well has certainly been good to us. Some of the saints have stayed by us in all this. We have been threatened but our faith is in God. You who know the value of prayer and how to reach the throne, will you please unite with us in prayer for these children and may the dear Lord bless you, and I, in advance, thank you. Come back, Brother Latimer, we all love you.—Humbly thy servant, M. E. Drake.

A Wonderful Miracle

ALMA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His mighty healing power. One disease is no more with Him than another. The Almighty God "who healeth all thy diseases," Psa. 103:3, came to the rescue of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mullis about two miles from Alma. Dimples was taken with diphtheria about two weeks ago. She surely did suffer. The doctors and nurses seemed to have done all they could. She was nearly dead twice. She turned black and her eyes had set. Death was staring her in the face but thru the prayers of the saints God had mercy and supplied her with breath. The saints had continued in prayer night and day and special requests were sent in for her. At last complete victory was received. Bless His good name! We know the Lord did all the healing because all medical aid had failed. We couldn't trust any more in flesh so we looked for higher power. The doctors and many others said it was a miracle. The mother and father of the child said they were going to get the Holy Ghost and come into the

NOTICES & REQUESTS

We are living at Manchester, Tenn. Any Church of God preacher passing thru who wants to stop over and help us in the Lord's work is welcome. This is a new place and the people are hungry for the gospel. We are having meetings three times a week. Will start a revival just as soon as possible.—H. G. Smith, Manchester, Tenn.

The Bahama Island state convention will convene May 3-8. Everybody welcome to attend this convention and help to make it a wonderful time in the Lord. We are expecting the Mission Board to be present, D.V. Please pray for the success of this convention.—W. D. Childers, overseer of Bahamas.

As I have been appointed state superintendent of Sunday Schools for South Carolina I want us to do all we can to put our Sunday School work over the top this year, and with God's help and your cooperation we can do it. Can't we? Sure we can! Listen superintendents, we want you to send us a report every month concerning your Sunday School, the number of classes, the number of students and the increase over each month, the amount of Sunday School tithes (for every school ought to tithe) and of offerings. Be sure to report every month. Get your secretary and treasurer to help you and don't treat this lightly for this is a great work. At our state Assembly I want to have a report on the Sunday School work in the state and we want to be in a position to have a report that will make us feel real good about the state Sunday Schools. It would be well to let the secretary copy the record from her Sunday School record each week and at the end of the month just send the copied records to us and we can average them for the month and keep a record of the school in every particular. What do you think about it? Will you cooperate with me? All right come on! I am looking for your report the first of every month. Please send in your report for November, December, January and February the first of March so we can get the average for the year.—W. T. Nelson, S. Tugaloo St., Walhalla, S. C.

C. H. Prince having resigned as overseer of the Williamsburg District to enter evangelistic work, Brother S. A. Wilson, Rockholds, Ky. is appointed overseer of said district.—J. C. Jernigan, Overseer of Kentucky.

To whom it may concern: I wish to express my feelings of regret for speaking against those in authority in the Church, also for condemning the action of the State Board. Trusting that thru prayer and godly wisdom I will be able to overcome and obey the Scriptures to speak evil of no man, I am, yours for the Church of God, Herbert Maguire, Grand Ledge, Mich.

If any one has the following songs please send them to me: "Give Me the Roses While I Live," "Let the Church Roll On" and "Anywhere Is Home."—Carrie Vaughan, Hope Mill, N. C.

The Church of God at Norristown, Pa. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Harriet Kelly last known of at N. 50th St., Philadelphia, Pa., and Sister Estelle Blacknell of Washington, D.C. Please communicate with the clerk of the Church of God at Norristown before the next quarterly conference, that the church may know of your spiritual condition; if not, the names will be dropped from the roll.—B. O. Rosenbaum, district overseer; E. Oney, clerk, 224 E. Spruce St., Norristown, Pa.

FLORIDA SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRIPTURE READING REPORT FOR JANUARY

The State Sunday School Banner is still a Sunday School visitor in the state of Florida. This visitor goes only where things are moving for the Lord. We are glad to hear of the interest in the Sunday Schools over the state. Some are making wonderful progress, and how about your school being one the banner can visit? This month the banner has gone over to Plant City and visiting there for a month in the strawberry section, however, it is interested in Sunday School work and not in strawberry picking and packing.

Church of God, the Lord being their helper. God works in mysterious ways. Who knows but what He chose this way to manifest Himself more plainly. The saints are hoping they will fulfill their promise.

The Lord certainly is good to the saints at Alma. Brother Dennard held a seven weeks' revival here. Many were saved and sanctified and twenty-one received the Holy Ghost. A church was set in order with thirty-eight members. We are proud of Brother Dennard and his workers. We organized a Sunday School with forty members and are planning a Y. P. E. soon. We hope this wonderful miracle will bring more sheep into the fold. Readers, pray for the good work at Alma.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Maude Mullis.

All the schools haven't the habit yet. What habit? The habit of being loyal, reporting each month to the state superintendent, your attendance for the month. As the colored preacher was preaching about the different kind of bees he suggested that it would be good if the "Be Ye Holy" would sting every member of his church. I think it would be good if all of our Sunday Schools could get stung with this "Be Loyal." So come along now and get stung.

The scripture reading contest is moving on nicely. Coconut Grove failed to be in the lead this month and came in third. Fort Green Springs Sunday School took the lead this month with 417 990 verses read, and an average attendance of 87 making an average of 4,804 verses per member of the school. Ferndale was second reading 165,636 verses with an average attendance of 59 making an average of 3,312 verses per member. Hurray, for the Scripture reading! This is interesting come on and join the ring. Let's see how many read the Bible thru before camp meeting.—H. L. Chesser, State Superintendent of Sunday Schools, 3155 S. W. Terrace, Miami, Fla.

I would like to get in touch with Bertha G. Shilder for an evangelistic campaign at Lancaster, Ohio.—Solomon Scaff, Box 159 Lancaster, Ohio.

We have received three or four letters from different people at Hayesville, N. C. concerning some division at the Tusquegee church, in which J. H. Mull is implicated. J. H. Mull surrendered his papers to the General Secretary something like two years ago. He did this on account of teaching contrary to the doctrine of the Church. He claims to be immune to disease and permanently healed. In fact, he claims what is termed as the life of the body, which is contrary to the doctrine taught in the Scriptures. He is not a member of the Church and hasn't been in fellowship with the Church for some time. In talking with friends in Arizona I find that he is needed at home to help his wife raise the three children that are small and need his parental care. I have always been a friend to Mr. Mull and I am sorry he's teaching this erroneous doctrine, and will say to our good people in North Carolina that it certainly will not do to follow such teaching as this.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

The district convention of the Paris district will convene March 11-13 at the Paris church. Let's look for a great time in the Lord. This district includes the church at Paris, Blossom, Ladonia, Lannis, Lone Elm, Gossville, Celina, and Cold Springs.—H. N. Bridges, district overseer; S. J. Wood, state overseer.

To the district pastors of the Church of God in Texas: We are asking you to also act as district superintendent of the Sunday Schools in your district. Please encourage this great work in every way possible and try to make this the best year for the Church of God.—Yours for service in this great work, H. N. Bridges, state superintendent of Sunday Schools, Texas.

I will begin a revival Feb. 21 at Desdemona, Texas. It will run about three weeks. Any church that wants my help in a revival this spring or summer, please let me know. Don't let hard times beat you out of a revival. We are looking for better times when Jesus comes. The Lord said He would go with us all the way if we would do what He said. I am giving my whole time this year to evangelistic work. The Lord is blessing.—W. M. Ford, Blossom, Texas.—(Too late for last issue).

The Church of God at Pitts, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Mattie Glaze, last heard of in North Carolina. We would like to hear from her before next quarterly conference.—Reuben H. Martin, pastor, W. J. Warren, clerk, Pitts, Ga.

We will have our district meeting the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in April. Every member of the Church of God in this district is requested to be present. Pray for the work here. The church is a little less than fifteen months old. It started with thirty members and now has seventy-three. Our church is too small and an effort is being made to enlarge it. The house is packed to overflowing and the people are interested. God is blessing.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. A. Hipps, 102 Wynn Ave., Cairo, Ga.

If any one knows the whereabouts of my brother, please let me know. His mother doesn't know where he is. He is thirty-two years old and weighs about one hundred sixty pounds. His name is D. W. Arnold.—His sister, Ella B. Perilloux, Rt. 1, Box 116, Ponchatoula, La.

Our district convention will convene March 11-13 at Campaign, Tenn. We hope to have with us our General Overseer, S. W. Latimer, our Editor and

Publisher, R. P. Johnson, and both quartets. Every minister and deacon in the district is expected to be present and everybody else who can get here. Come, let's make this a great event and pray the Lord will be with us. A Gann in charge.—T. A. Richard, district pastor, Warren St., McMinnville, Tenn.

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REQUESTS

I request prayer for my children to be healed of the whooping cough. I know the Lord can heal for there is nothing too great for Him to do. Pray for my home.—Your sister in the Lord, Alice Ross, Grant, Va., Rt. 1.

I request special prayer for Brother Neal. He is here holding us a revival. It has been a success but the devil is trying to hinder. Brother Neal is sick with the flu. Every one pray a special prayer for him.—Ross Hill, Sweetwater, Tex.

I request prayer for the healing of my body. I am in a run down condition. My health has been bad for some time but I am worse now than I have been for some time. I have been having some hard trials for the past month. I want you to pray that God will help me to overcome every temptation of the devil.—Your humble sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. C. O. Elton, Oconee, Ga., Rt. 1.

Sister Nora Hughes of Atlanta, Ga. requests special prayer for the healing of her body. She has bronchial trouble and has lost her speech.—Her sister, L. B. W.

I ask the saints to pray that we will have a Church of God here in the near future. Please pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. P. Hobnar, Crab Orchard, Ky.

Please pray for me. I have a very high fever. I also have the headache and earache. I was once in a dying condition and the Lord healed me. I know He can heal me again.—A sister in Christ, Nannie Mae Scoggins, McDonald, Tenn., Rt. 2.

Please pray that God will heal my body.—Your sister in Christ, Minnie Diggs, 811 Chipman St., Knoxville, Tenn.

Pray for me and that the Lord will heal my husband of heart trouble. Pray that the Lord will have His way in my home.—Your sister, Mrs. W. M. Walker, Coalgood, Ky.

We now have a building to have services in and we desire your prayers that God will bless us with an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Many are hungry for the blessing, the devil is fighting, but God can give victory so please pray.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. E. D. Wiles, Crum, W. Va.

I want every one who reads this to pray for me to grow stronger in the Lord that my weak body will be healed. Also pray for my husband to be saved. I have two friends who want to be sanctified so please pray for them.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. N. H. Harris, Brunswick, N. C.

I request prayer for my healing. I have rheumatism in my leg so I can

The Harvest Is Great

LANCASTER, OHIO.—We closed a four week's meeting Jan. 31 with seventeen saved, two reclaimed, eleven sanctified, nine received the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water and ten received into the church. Feb. 5th a C. of G. Y. P. E. was organized with thirty-five members. The church is well built up and we expect to begin another meeting March 6. D. V. and if an evangelist can be secured. There are many interested and the harvest is great.—Solomon Scaff, pastor; Charles H. Pratt, clerk, Lancaster, Ohio.

hardly walk. I mean to hold out faithful.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. M. M. Hutchings, Doyle, Tenn.

Dear ones, please pray for my little cousin. He has scarlet fever and is very sick. He suffers almost day and night. Please pray earnestly for his recovery. Pray that we will have a wonderful revival at this place.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Katie Jones, Cleveland, Tenn., Rt. 3.

Dear saints, please pray for me. I have had a bad growth on one leg and my other limb is almost stiff. I can hardly get around most of the time. I have some kind of throat trouble. I don't know what it is but please pray that God will heal me completely and that I will be a soul winner for God for that is my heart's desire. Also pray for Sister Mooney. The doctors say she has internal cancer and cannot get well. Pray for my husband, sisters and brothers and myself.—One who loves to trust the Lord, Mrs. H. W. Litton, Box 553, Coeburn, Va.

Pray that God will send us a preacher. Lots of believers, hungry souls and other holiness movements here who need to hear about the great Church of God and her teachings. Pray that God will move on some one's heart to come this way that we might have a Church of God Sunday School. If some good preacher feels led to come who stands foursquare for the Church of God he will be taken good care of.—A sister, Mrs. Celesta Holder, Shannon, Ga.

I am suffering with my head, eyes, sides, back, throat and heart. I am so weak and easy worked down. Please pray a fervent prayer for me that God will strengthen me and heal me completely. My son's wife is in South Carolina. Pray that the Lord will touch her body and heal her. They were looking for her to die the last time I heard from her so pray for her to recover and for him to hold out to the end, which I don't believe is far off. Pray for my oldest son and his wife to get right with God before it is too late.—One who wants more of God's power, Mrs. Maggie Hickerson, Rt. 1, Hopewell, Ala.

Luther R. Brooks requests prayer that God will save, sanctify and baptize his wife.

Dear saints, please remember this place when you pray. We surely need your prayers in this place. We have to cry, pray and tarry before God many times but in the hardest places we seem to hear the Son of God say, "Be not afraid, be true, it is I." Pray that God will send us a great revival.—Your brother in Jesus, Ralph Jackson, Bitely, Mich.

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THE CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE

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the border of the land of Edom, a strip of mountainous land about twenty miles wide and one hundred miles long. The king of this country was an enemy to Israel and refused them passage across the narrow way. To go around Edom would be a very long and wearisome journey, therefore Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom saying, "Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travel that has befallen us, how our father went down into Egypt and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians vexed us and our fathers and when we cried unto the Lord he heard our voice and sent an angel and hath brought us forth out of Egypt, and behold we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border, let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country. We will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the waters of the wells, we will go by the king's highway, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left until we have passed thy borders." But Edom sent him word back saying, "Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword." Then Israel even offered to pay for passage, but Edom came out against Israel with much people and Israel journeyed from Kadesh and came unto mount Hor and from this mountain they began that long discouraging and hard trip around the land of Edom. It was hard to travel now about two hundred miles thru wilderness and over mountains when the king's highway would have led them to the same point over a distance of only about twenty miles. It was on this long journey around Edom amidst battles, hunger, thirst and disappointments that the souls of the people became much discouraged because of the way. They remembered the fish which they did eat in Egypt, and the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic, and said, "And now our soul is dried away and there is nothing at all before our eyes but this manna." On leaving Egypt they had had no idea of such disappointments as this. The distance around Edom would have put them from Egypt into Canaan, but now all of this extra, and doubts naturally arise of ever reaching the promised land, and their hearts went back into Egypt. They seemed to have forgotten their burdens as slaves to the Egyptians and could only think of the good things they had to eat in Egypt.

We often hear the expression from Christian pilgrims, "I have counted and paid the cost and expect to go thru." We should rather say, "We have counted the cost and paid the price as

far as we have gone," because we don't know what we will meet on the way, for we, in our Christian experience, are subject to obstacles that we had never thought of, and take extra journeys around spiritual Edom and the devil is always ready to picture the beauties of Egypt and show the discouraging features of a Christian life. But the most of us get so burned out and sick on the onions and garlic of Egypt that we are in no way inclined to return.

Obedience Adds to the Pleasure of the Pilgrimage

If it had not been for the fearful nature of Israel the Lord would have led them a nearer way to Canaan thru the land of the Philistines, but for fear they would turn back into Egypt if they met resistance, He led them by the way of the wilderness. They murmured and grumbled against God and Moses and the Lord sent fiery serpents in their camps and gave them a job killing snakes instead of so much grumbling. Often because of their grumbling and rebellion against God they brought trouble upon themselves. We can likewise bring extra trouble and suffering upon ourselves by disobedience, and failing to walk as Paul advised the Ephesians, CIRCUMSPECTLY, which means watchful on all sides. By watching we can often prevent persecutions, temptations and battles of many kinds.

Conviction seized hearts Of People

CATLETTSBURG, Ky. — The devil may have tho't he had the Church of God at Catlettsburg bound but thank God she is now shining forth as the noonday sun. Brother H. O. Harris, overseer, came from McVeigh, Ky. Jan. 8 and the next night began bombarding the enemies' camp with the Word of God backed up by the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Large crowds began to gather and conviction seized the hearts of many who fell at the feet of Jesus and wept their way thru to victory. Many souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost but I am afraid some of the Word fell on stony ground as some of the converts went back into the world while the revival was in progress. But thank God there are a few who have braved the storms of life and are still following in the steps of the Saviour. As Brother Harris was compelled to return to his church at McVeigh before the revival closed Brother N. B. Thacker and Sister Walker carried the revival on for a few days. Some of the members are now paying their tithes and the good Lord is blessing. Pray for our church that it will grow and prosper for God. — A brother in Christ, W. G. Lighte.

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God he has nothing to say. Therefore, if you are bothered with hypocritical spirits remember that secret prayer is a tried and true remedy. A DEAD SHOT FOR THE WORST CASE IN THIS HOUSE.

CONCLUSION

From what we have seen it is evident he who does not pray cannot be a Christian, for prayer is God's ordained channel for your communication with your Maker, and is the chief means of obtaining blessings from Him. You who are refusing to pray are voluntarily cutting yourselves off from all good. The easiest, least expensive, least burdensome way of acquiring good is to ask for it. It hath pleased God to open this way to every one of you. Matters not what the cost may be you should seek all of the good that you can. But when the cost to you is nothing, no time lost, no money spent, no pains to endure, no hurt to your name, no harm to your neighbor, oh, why do you neglect to pray? The true explanation of this violation of every dictate of reason, conscience, and revelation, is, having eyes you see not, and having ears you hear not. The God of this world hath blinded your minds, seared your conscience, overpowered your will, hardened your heart, stiffened your neck and is now stifling the cry of your soul. And as we close you are now on the verge of eternity, leaning toward hell, cheating your souls and sinning against God. Hear me, hear me, you who do not pray are not Christians, and you who will not pray can never be Christians. But to those who take pleasure in entering your closets and delight in communing with God, I would say to you, "Be of good cheer for HE WILL REWARD THEE OPENLY." Amen.

Self-Centered or Christ-Centered

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shack. Many of us once lived in sod shacks, so to speak, but God has given us a better place to live now. We have temples of God to live in. Then if we dwell in the temples of the Holy Ghost we are His subjects. Paul says, "I beseech you ** present your bodies a living sacrifice." In the olden times animals were brought and laid on the altar alive and then slain. The idea was, the whole body was offered as a holy sacrifice to God. That which we bring to God we separate from all common and profane uses. In bringing our bodies as a sacrifice we engage our selves to the service of God, in obedience to His will and the furtherance of His cause. Heathens have offered their bodies to God in the most varied ways. The Fagirs in India think to do God an extraordinary service by depriving their bodies of proper care and nourishment, or by covering themselves with mud or crippling their limbs in an unnatural way. Many of them are little better than wild beasts. We should never complain no matter what the sacrifice may be.

I well remember in September and October 1918 while plans were being developed fast to break thru the Hindenburg line, we were on the eastern front in the Vosges Mountains and had held that line for several weeks wading through the mud and rain without scarcely anything to eat and almost no sleep or rest. So one dark cold night we got orders to move and we were anxious to move for we thought they were going to take us to a rest camp somewhere behind the lines. But instead they selected twelve from the company to do some special duty on a very dangerous front. The officer in charge told us to be on the alert as we were liable to be captured, or worse at any time. We didn't get discouraged and give up because we knew our duty to our country and would not allow it, tho' death would have been welcome to many. But my thought was, if I die it will be for my country that I love so well. That is the way we should love Christ. That is the sacrifice we should be willing to give to Him who gave so much for us. Are you willing to offer your body a living sacrifice to God now? To what class do you belong, Self-centered or Christ-centered?

Hark; the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work to-day? Fields are white and harvest waiting. Who will bear the sheaves away?" Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich rewards He offers thee; Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, O Lord, send me."

I Feel Like Pressing On

I thank the Lord for full salvation now. I praise Him for the revival which has closed at Mt. Airy. Twenty-five were saved, about sixteen sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost and nineteen came in the church. Part of them were Pentecostal people before the meeting. We received a Pentecostal preacher into the Church of God. Thank God I feel like pressing on. Don't you? This way just suits me. It looks like we have got to build the church larger. We have thirty-nine members in church. We have about sixty in Sunday School. Pray for me and my wife and babies. — Your brother in the Church of God, J. V. Collins, Mt. Airy, N. C., Rt. 2.

Miami District Convention

The convention opened Friday night with Brother H. L. Chesser as speaker, using the subject "The Christian's Hope." The message was soul stirring. His thought was "the anchor of the soul coupled with the chain of faith." Many felt after the service that they were more firmly anchored. Saturday morning Brother E. E. Coleman from Key West brought the message, using for his subject "Loyalty to God and His Church." His thought was that of "being faithful in small things as well as the large ones." Surely many of us were more determined to be faithful than ever. Saturday afternoon we had preachers' meeting, many inspiring thoughts being brought out. Saturday night Brother D. H. Delk gave us an address on missions in which he brought out that if we were not following our pattern, also the thought of giving ourselves to the Lord and all we had would be at His command. Then came Brother J. B. Ellis whose subject was "Redemption." Brother Ellis was at his best. The Lord surely did bless.

Sunday morning Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, brought the message. His subject was "The Church of God, the Name and Ordinances Thereof." Dinner was served at the church. This of course was enjoyed by all. Sunday afternoon we had reports of the churches. All the work in the district seemed to be on the upward move. We were pleased to have with us Brother Mills, pastor of the Church at Waycross, Ga., also Brother John Branson from Waycross, and Brother J. E. Connatser of the Okeechobee district. Brother Connatser spoke to the Y. P. E. His message was good, after which Brother Mills brought us a soul stirring message. This was the closing service. The Lord blessed as he preached amidst shouts of praise. This convention was surely a success and will be long remembered. — W. W. Harmon, district overseer.

Maine Revival

Truly the Lord is pouring out His Spirit in a marvelous way in Belfast, Me. For the past few months the mission work here has been left in the hands of Sister Goldie (Banks) Howell and the writer. Thru many difficulties and much opposition the Lord has wonderfully blessed our efforts, for which we give Him all praise and honor. He has certainly stood by Sister Goldie in giving out the messages at different times. We have also been fortunate to have some help with stringed music. Sister Florida Brown of Thomaston, and Brother Cunningham of this city, have assisted in the preaching and brought forth some good messages. We began a Junior Endeavor a few weeks ago and the Lord is greatly blessing in this work. We usually have near twenty-five in attendance. Our new Sunday School is growing rapidly. There were fifty-two present last Sunday, including thirteen new scholars. The grown people are becoming more interested all the time.

Brother H. W. Poteat, overseer from Portland, Me., arrived here Jan. 25 and conducted a two weeks' meeting. Many have been under conviction for weeks; would sit with tear-filled eyes most every service, and his wonderful sermons helped to deepen the conviction and caused them to realize more vividly their need of Christ. At times they were so stirred they could hardly wait until the altar call was given. There was an altar full most every time. One young man climbed over a bench and began crying out to God before he got to the altar. Two have been saved, three sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost and the end is not yet. Two have been sanctified in our regular service, and the altar has been filled most every service since the revival. We have tarrying meeting here in the parsonage one night each week and people come at all times thru the day to pray. Oh, it's so encouraging to see the fruits of our labors so soon in this new field.

The Lord has wonderfully dealt with people in dreams. One young woman dreamed she was praying to be sanctified and she knew there was one thing in her way—in her dream she saw she must give up her sweetheart. This she did, and a short while afterwards she dreamed she was on a stairway being sanctified and the blood of Jesus was flowing over her. She was gloriously sanctified soon after this. A man who was seeking sanctification dreamed of seeing a table spread where Jesus with hands outstretched was blessing the food, but he was not fortunate to be at the table—was quite a ways off. In a few days he met conditions and was sanctified in a tarrying meeting here in the parsonage. He has been feasting on spiritual things since.

Many have been away off from the table watching us feast, not willing to pay the price, yet so hungry they are miserable. The table is spread and Jesus is calling. It is all their fault that they're not feasting. One young man came for weeks and looked on. Sometimes big tears would roll from his eyes. He said he wanted to see if it was real. He was convinced and last week he was wonderfully sanctified. He doesn't have that hungry expression now, he has great joy and says he is determined to receive the Holy Ghost. A young girl dreamed our par-

sonage was on fire, and indeed it is filled with the very presence of God. One woman was so miserable she asked off one half day from work, came here for prayer and received the Holy Ghost. Another was saved here one evening and received the Holy Ghost the next day in our tarrying meeting. Others have been wonderfully blessed here.

The testimony of a man who was sanctified at the mission since the revival closed is great. He says he knew his wife had been blessed before she told him, by the way she greeted him when she returned. He had not attended the revival but was under such deep conviction he trembled for days. He says the Lord convicted him last summer when he heard us praying in our room near his home. Prayer changes things. We never know who is listening to our prayers and watching our lives. He is now hungry for the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for these people who are making brave soldiers for Jesus. The Lord is still blessing. Most any time of day some one comes in for prayer or an encouraging word and we are delighted to speak a word of cheer and tell of our great Savior. We are almost continually praying, singing or telling some one how to press on and grow stronger in the Lord. Our prayer is, "Make us a blessing." Some of the dear saints from Searsport greatly assisted us during the revival and one of these saints (Sister Crockett) received the Holy Ghost last week also.

Sister Bowles expects to return in a few days to assist in the work here again. The people are very anxious for her to return. And we hope that Brother Poteat will not fail to lend us a hand any time, as he was a great blessing to both saint and sinner while here. Please pray that this work will continue to grow in the future as in the past few months.—Just a home missionary, Vivian Haworth, 44 Bridge St., Belfast, Me.

People See Their Need Of Jesus

PIERCE, W. Va.—We thank the Lord for the revival here at Pierce in which sixty-four were saved, twenty-three sanctified and seven were filled with the Holy Ghost. On Jan. 9 Brother A. T. Little from Elkins came down and helped us. He preached a few nights but as he could not stay he turned the meeting over to Brother J. H. Sisler. Brother Sisler gave out the Word and people saw their need of Jesus. The altar was filled every night. The people came from miles around and were saved. God surely did work and souls seemed to be hungry for God. Sinners cried out at their seats for mercy until God came on the scene in such a wonderful way that after three weeks of hard preaching by Brother Sisler we called Brother Little back to help in the services. While he was here he preached on the Church of God. He surely did make it plain enough that no one could doubt the Church of God. The old and young were saved and people were healed in their homes of diseases that doctors had given up as hopeless cases and many came to the services and were healed. The saints surely are on fire for God and did their part in praying with the seekers at the altar and inviting sinners to Christ. This seemed like old Bible times to see gray haired fathers and mothers fall at the altar and cry out for God's mercy. We had meeting in the afternoon. There was shouting, dancing and some speaking in tongues and praising God. Eternity alone will prove the good of this meeting. One sister who was saved in this meeting has gone to her reward in which Brother Little preached the funeral. He gave warning to those who are yet to follow that all should be ready when Jesus calls. Brother Sisler closed the meeting Sunday night with seven at the altar seeking the Holy Ghost, one saved and fifteen added to the church and several ready for water baptism. The Lord surely did bless in this revival and used Brother Sisler as His servant. We recommend Brother Sisler to any one for a revival. Any one wishing him for a revival will write him at Pierce or write Sister S. O. Glass, clerk, Pierce, W. Va.

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R. P. JOHNSON, Editor.

Lord Blessing In Ohio

Just a brief report to let you know the work is prospering in Ohio this year. I have just returned from Cincinnati where we attended the Middletown District Convention which convened Feb. 4-6. The Lord wonderfully blessed from the first service to the last.

It seemed the speakers were all especially anointed and at their best. The last night was given over to the Y. P. E. programs which were best of all. The Lord wonderfully blessed them in carrying out their programs. We are proud of our young people. They are doing a good work for the Lord. The Lord is also blessing our evangelists, Brothers T. C. Messer and T. C. Franklin, Brother and Sister Alewine and others are doing good work.

There is the greatest revival spirit I have ever seen in this state. Many have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God. Your brother in Jesus, E. Haynes, 719 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio.

Many Souls Were Wonderfully Blessed

TOLEDO, Ohio. — We began a revival here Jan. 6 and it continued until Jan. 31. Brother T. C. Messer of Pittsburgh, Pa. did the preaching and God wonderfully blessed as He gave out the soul stirring messages under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Twelve souls were saved, nine sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost and nine were added to the church. One Catholic man came to the altar under the influence of liquor and after some of the brothers had prayed for him God let him see the demon go out of him and he has had no desire for whiskey since that time. He was saved, sanctified, came into the church and is tarrying for the Holy Ghost. Many other souls were wonderfully blessed and the church was greatly edified. Brother Messer's lectures on his chart showing the creation and fall of man, justification by faith, sanctification by the blood, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the Church of God, were real instructive and enjoyed by all present. We enjoyed working with Brother Messer in this revival and are sure the fellowship was enjoyed by all the church.

There is usually much said about the preacher, but I want to say we have a good, loyal bunch of people here, who are standing true to the Church of God and her teachings. The Y. P. E. is composed of an earnest group of young men and women who are doing their best to do the Lord's will. Those desiring a good evangelist should write Brother Messer, 135 Penn. Ave., Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pa. We are sure he will do his best for you. — C. B. Huff, pastor, 722 Huron St.

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Divine Healing

Healed of a Cancer

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The Lord Is The Great Physician

SWEETWATER, Tex. Dear Evangel readers and friends, greetings in Jesus' name. I want to say I have lots to thank and praise Him for. I was saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues nine years ago. Then we moved out west of where we lived and I heard three Church of God sermons in three years. One night I went to Weatherford Camp Meeting and I sought a fuller experience. That has been six years ago. I surrendered my all to Him with a determination to press forward. We have trials and temptations, but God is not slack concerning His promises. Bless His name. He says He will forgive us our iniquities and heal all our diseases. He has come to my rescue. Four years ago I was down with the flu and pneumonia. My husband then a sinner sent for the doctor and he said there was no chance for me. I was unconscious fifteen days. The Pentecost people and a preacher came from Big Springs and prayed but the Lord's time had not come. He had something to show the people. My brother, a Pentecostal preacher, came from Oklahoma City and prayed but the Lord was not ready to heal me yet. In about ten days His appointed time came. All became as dark as night between me and heaven and I had a vision. After my vision it seemed I had waked out of a night's sleep and had not rested. And I was turned on a sheet two days and in four days I was able to stand up and was only down twenty-three days. A nurse came from Abilene a distance of forty-two miles and talked over the case and said it was the only case on record that was as low as I was to get as complete a healing in as short time as I got. The reason was because Jesus Christ had His way and His ways are superior to man's. The Lord healed me this fall of bronchitis asthma and hemorrhage also.

My husband was saved last April a year ago and was baptized in the Jesus Name church but I carried it all to God in prayer and in June Brother Campbell came here and held a meeting and my husband with most all the other Jesus Name people saw the light on the Church of God and joined the church. I want all who believe in divine healing to pray that the Lord will touch my body for a hurting in my right side and for indigestion and head trouble. Pray that I will always be submissive to His will and raise my children in the way of the Lord. Also pray for my three boys. They have enlarged tonsils, glands, adenoids and the oldest has a goiter. — A sister in Christ, Lucy Burnett, Sweetwater, Tex.

I Feel Encouraged To Trust God To The End

CEDARTOWN, Ga. — I am glad I can report victory in my soul now. I am glad for the good old time Bible salvation. I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. On Wednesday night Jan. 27 the Lord healed me of appendicitis. I give Him all the praise for it. I have no thought of using any remedies but I feel encouraged to trust Him to the end. I thank the Lord for the Church of God in Cedartown. It is rising and shining above every opposition the enemy can bring against it. Brother J. F. Brown is our pastor. He surely preaches the full gospel and stands foursquare for the Church of God. Pray for me. Pray for my unsaved husband. — A sister under the blood, Mrs. Ina Chapman.

Goes to God in Earnest, Gets Healed

Dear saints of God everywhere, I praise the dear Lord this evening for what He is to me. It is so sweet to trust the dear Lord, praise His dear name. I had a bad sore on my nose for four years and it bothered me so bad so I tho't it must be a cancer. About five weeks ago I just laid down everything and went to God in earnest. I got my Bible and held it up and said, "Here, Lord, is your Word and if you will heal my nose I will testify to the world of it." In less than three days

there was no sore and hasn't been since. I am so glad the dear Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost, praise His dear name. I am a member of the Church of God but I don't get to go to church as I live so far I can't go. I am afflicted in my body and there is no Church of God people where I live so you know it is hard to be sick and no one to pray for you. I want every one to pray for the Lord to heal me completely. I have rheumatism and other troubles. I know God can heal when no one else can so I ask you to pray for me and pray for the Lord to send some one here who has the true gospel. It has never been preached here. From one who loves the Lord, Mrs. L. A. Sykes, Elrod, Ala. Star Rt.

Thru Jesus I'm Healed

WISE, Va. — I praise the Lord this morning for what He has done for me. I praise Him for His healing power. I took sick with a sore throat. It swelled until I couldn't eat or drink. I didn't eat a bite of bread for two days. It seemed that I would die if God didn't touch me. I sent for the saints to come and pray for me. We held on to God until He healed me. Praise His name! They thought I had quinsy but I am well. My mother and father are both saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and trust God for all their healing and God always heals them. He has worked so wonderfully in our home. I am thirteen years old and I am saved. I promised God if He would heal me I would live closer to Him and follow Him the rest of my days. Please pray for me that I will ever stay humble and always obey the Lord. — Your brother in Christ, Darrel Collins.

Jesus' Healing Makes Our Souls Overflow

MARIETTA, Ohio. — I am glad I'm not afraid to trust the Lord with my body and I find He is ever faithful and is well able to take care that which I commit unto Him. A few weeks ago an affliction which some said was stricture of the bladder came upon me and caused me more suffering than I had ever experienced in my life but I was determined to trust God if I did have to suffer awhile. Thank the Lord I find that waiting upon Him, thru suffering only strengthens our faith and the victory is altogether glorious. I was prayed for several times but no victory came until one night in church during a testimony meeting I received a wonderful blessing while I was preaching, too the power was strong upon me and from then on I was better. Oh praise His holy name. It is wonderful to have Jesus for the Healer. When we trust in doctors and get better there is no such rejoicing but when Jesus heals us it reaches the soul and makes it overflow. There's a shout in my soul even as I write. Praise God forever. He is fairer than ten thousand to my soul. I have been helping in a meeting at Pomeroy, Ohio, a place where only doctrines of devils such as free love has been preached. God wonderfully blessed, people came for miles saying they were never in such meetings. Some were saved, sanctified, others were still seeking with many under conviction. The meeting was conducted by two brethren from Ironton, Ohio. Every one pray that God will build a church there. The man who owns the building says if a church is established there he will give the building and the lot on which it stands. I am now assisting Brother Blackwell in a meeting at Marietta. We need the saints' prayers. — Sister Mayme Patterson, 506 West Spring St.

God Makes Us Strong In Faith Thru Trials

For the last few months the enemy has given us many trials and troubles in different ways. The dark clouds of sorrow have come so fast. The devil felt sure of overcoming us but praise the Lord He is still looking down from His sacred throne above. He has healed every affliction without the aid of remedies. He has made us stronger thru trials. He has helped us overcome every temptation and we give Him all the praise. We get so hungry to hear more preaching. We live thirty miles from church but our beloved pastor, P. F. Fritz, comes and preaches for us some. We wish we could have him with us more often.

The Lord saved my two oldest boys last summer. One joined the dear old Church of God and some day I hope to see them both members. One trusted the Lord for his healing five years before he was saved. Last Summer during the meeting held at Cleveland, Miss. by Sister Heath and workers he was wonderfully healed. He cut his foot and went on crutches. He went to the altar for prayer and was healed. He left the altar without his crutches. The next day he wore his shoe and drove the car. The Lord is good to us. Tonight He healed one of the little ones of the earache. We desire the prayers of all that we may stand true and I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for our meetings. The young people are becoming more interested. Pray much for us. — One who loves the Lord, Mrs. Estelle Holloway, Rt. 2, Box 124, Clarksdale, Miss.

Notes From Bible Training School

J. H. WALKER, Supt.
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Can't Afford to Say There's Nothing Else To Do

— B. T. S. —
Dear Evangel readers, I am praising the dear Lord for a salvation that keeps me happy. I praise Him for the privilege of being permitted to attend Bible School this term. Some say if you go to Bible School you will lose your zeal for God but it just gives you a little more zeal to work for Him. It is true we are looking for the coming of our dear Lord soon but then we can't afford to sit down on the stool of do-nothing, fold our hands and say there is nothing else to do.

Some people say you don't have to have an education to preach the Gospel, just open your mouth and the Lord will fill it. But not so, an education is required for the ministry just the same as anything else. What congregation is it that there is not some critic in it listening for some misused word? So come on and let's equip ourselves for the great cause for which Christ died.

There are many schools but none like this one. Pray for me that I will always be found faithful at the post of duty. — A sister in Christ, Omie Ricker, Cleveland, Tenn.

Believe Students Will be More Efficient Workers

— B. T. S. —
Dear readers of the Evangel, I count it a privilege to have the opportunity of writing a few lines in behalf of the B. T. S. I'm glad to report that the Lord is blessing in the Bible School. We're enjoying the mighty power and presence of Jesus in our midst and feel that the time we spend here is being used to a good advantage. I'm sure that any one who attends this school will never regret it. I feel that we all need to know more about the Word of God and I know of no better place to acquaint ourselves with the Bible than right here in the Church of God B. T. S.

I'm sure that too much cannot be said of this great work. I feel that too much can't be said of this great work.

The Lord Can Heal Diphtheria Too

I am thanking the dear Lord this morning for what He means to me. He healed our little four year old girl of scarlet fever and that dangerous disease diphtheria. We knew the testing time had come and we put our whole trust in the Lord. Bless His dear name. He sent His great healing power and she is sitting up this morning for which we give Him all the praise. I surely am thankful that I'm serving a God who will answer prayer. People would come in and tell us we had better have a doctor or we would bury her before Sunday night, but thank the Lord she is still living. We called a doctor to see what was the matter with her but we continued to put our trust in God whom we give all the praise.

I also thank the Lord for the good saints here. They surely were faithful to come and pray and hold on to God until He heard and answered prayer. We thank the Lord for our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Grooms. They surely did stand by us while our little girl was sick and were faithful all thru her illness. We appreciate every prayer that was prayed for her.

The Lord is truly blessing here. I have the Holy Ghost and desire the prayers of all who read this that I will ever stay humble, and that my husband will get the fullness of God. — One who wants to continue to do the Lord's will, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Clyde, N. C.

God Is Protecting Us

I praise the Lord this morning for divine healing. I was sick for nearly two years and in the hospital twice. I only grew worse tho' and went right down to death's door. My husband called the saints in to pray for me and God wonderfully touched my body, praise His name. I was as helpless as a little child but when God touched my body I got out of bed, dressed myself, sat up and ate my supper. It is wonderful to know that He hears and answers prayers. About five weeks ago I had the quinsy and was almost past breathing. I laid the Evangel on my face and asked God to heal me. I felt like many true blue saints had prayed over those papers for the saving of souls and the healing of the sick. In thirty minutes my throat burst and something like a pint of pus ran out. Thank God, we can just look from where we are and God will hear. As I travel the path of life I realize we have a God who is protecting us and I want to live true until Jesus comes or calls. I know the Holy Ghost is right. Brothers and sisters, let's live humble at the foot of the cross. Like Paul, we can say, by the grace of God I am what I am. I know the power of God comes down and not up. Remember me and my family in prayer. — Your sister in Christ, Z. O. Sanger, Surveyor, W. Va.

and that much is being done for the Lord right here in the Bible School by the way of better equipping men and women for the perplexing problems that they'll have to face on the field. I believe that all the students will be more efficient workers and able to do much more for the Lord after they leave school than they could have done had they not attended school and better prepared themselves for the ministry. I believe that every minister on the field realizes a need of greater knowledge of the Word of God. I appreciate the privilege of being in school and having the opportunity of studying the good Word of God.

We find in 2 Tim. 1:15 that the writer of this book admonishes us to study the Word of God. Surely if there ever was a time when we needed to be informed in the Word of God it is now in this present day when the world is so full of unbelief, false doctrines and skepticism. We need to be able to hold up the standards of the gospel of Jesus Christ and convince men and women of the truth of His eternal Word.

I mean to obey the Lord and prove to be a blessing to lost humanity. Pray for me that I may be a success for God. — Your brother in Christ, Stephen Nesheim.

Want to Scatter Seed Of Sunshine

— B. T. S. —
I truly count it a great privilege to be in the Bible School and associate with all the good students. In the little schoolroom of the B. T. S. is one place where you can feel the sweet fellowship of God, also the students. The Lord surely blesses our souls when we get in touch with Him. We should all be thankful because the Lord is so merciful, and take advantage of every opportunity, that our future may be helpful in the advancement of the cause of our Lord. We know the Lord is coming soon and I want to be a soul winner for Him. My aim in life is to do something for Jesus. I want to scatter seed of sunshine wherever I go and be a blessing to some soul. Please pray for me. Alpha Peterson, Cleveland, Tenn.

Healed of Paralysis

I praise God this morning for old time salvation. I praise the Lord for His great healing power for He has healed me so many times. On Jan. 13 I was struck with paralysis and could not move my left side but the Lord touched my left leg the next night and I could move it but could not move my arm for five days. When I could move it I did not have any strength in my whole left side and could not walk but a few steps without a crutch. My left leg was about three inches shorter than the other leg. On Sunday Jan. 31 I had another stroke which left my side useless again, left my tongue paralyzed and my jaws locked so I could not speak a word from 4:00 p. m. until 9:30 p. m. that night but I trusted the Lord and my husband and three other saints gathered round me and began to pray for me and the Lord instantly healed me and today I can walk and talk as good as ever, praise the dear Lord. I am a member of the Church of God and trust the Lord for both soul and body. I ask all who read this to pray for my husband and me that we will continue in the will of the Lord and be found in His service when He comes or calls for us. — Your sister for lost souls, Mrs. G. E. Poole, Hagan, Ga.

Healed of Blood Poison

About two months ago I had a sore leg. The people said blood poison had set up in it and that I should rush to the doctor but I went home to mother and she prayed for me and I felt better but I was unable to go to Sunday School. The saints came in the afternoon and prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully touched my body and I went to church that night praising the Lord for victory thru the blood, bless His name. I can feel the joybells now. But the devil is always around trying to get us to doubt so on Monday morning I could hardly get out of the bed and could hardly walk all day. The saints came in that night and prayed for me and I got up and walked as good as ever. I had no more trouble whatever, was instantly healed. The Lord has been my healer for eighteen years and if I live eighteen years more I aim to trust Jesus. Pray for me that the Lord will have His way in my life and that I will do anything He wants me to do. — A sister in the great Church of God, Miss Mary Viney, Rt. 1, Joslyn Rd., Pontiac, Mich.

Completely Healed

Yes about nineteen hundred and thirty-six years ago Jesus was born. The wonderful Physician who gave to all, who received Him, relief. He says, Come unto me and I will give you rest. Some few weeks ago while in service in Green Co., Tenn. I was asked by a man to go to see his mother who was

132 Converted, 46 Baptized with Holy Ghost

BENTON, Ill. — We wonder if any church in Illinois has ever experienced such a revival as God has blessed us with in the past few weeks. The numbers were large but they do not express fully the measure and fullness of the meetings. We called to our assistance Brother J. L. Goins of Chattanooga, Tenn. and from the opening service souls were swayed like reeds before the wind. His sermons were master pieces and each seemed to grow better. He surely knows how to rightly divide the Word of God. At the end of the second week he was compelled to close his work with us and go to Christopher to redeem his promise to help the saints in special meetings. We were then after much prayer directed to call our Brother C. H. Standifer of Shelbyville, Ind. who came and with great zeal and adaptation fitted himself into the work and the spirit in which the work had been carried forward and God greatly honored his work. The meeting increased in every way and we again found that our Master often "keeps the best of the wine for the last of the feast." We recommend these brethren to any church who feels the need of a great revival. There were 132 conversions to the church, 52 sanctified, and 46 baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Since coming here as pastor on Oct. 15 this present Assembly year Brother G. P. Gower, our pastor, has led the church into building an addition to the church that will seat at least two hundred so that now we can comfortably care for a congregation of 600 people. During this time (including the numbers given above) there have been 146 conversions and 140 added to the membership of the church. — Harley Chaplain, clerk.

Precious Souls Go Thru To Victory

KANNAPOLIS, N. C. — I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here at Kannapolis. A revival has just closed here with success. It was conducted by our pastor, Brother J. M. Snyder, with the local help. The Lord was with us from the beginning to the end. The saints were busy and at their best working at the altar while others were singing or kneeling somewhere in silent prayer. Our string band also proved a wonderful blessing to the revival. It was just marvelous how the Lord worked and to see precious souls go thru to victory.

Our hearts were made to rejoice when hungry souls would fall in the altar crying for mercy and rise with the glory of the Lord shining on their

very low. I told him I would and did so. On arriving at the home I found the mother propped up in bed shaking all over as if she had the palsy and so weak she could hardly talk above a whisper. After talking to her about Jesus she said she once knew Him but had lost Him. After a few words I asked her if she believed in Jesus and would trust Him and she said she would. So we talked to Jesus and I laid my hands on her leaving her in the Lord's care, trusting His Word and power to heal. The dear Lord did heal her. The following week she came to meeting and I learned afterwards that she was even able to cut wood and work outside the house. I am not writing this for some one to have faith in me or think me some one greater than another but I feel all who are called to work for Jesus should never halt between opinions but go in His name for many are suffering today in two different ways: One is because those who are called to go are not going and those who are suffering are not going but some one must carry the message. So let's not say we can't go but say, "Lord here am I, send me." Lon Price, Erwin, Tenn.

Utah Is Being Blessed

The Lord is blessing in every service in a wonderful way. Sinners are falling in the altar at regular services and crying out for mercy. Several have wept their way thru to victory. Five received the Holy Ghost at one Sunday night service. A few days later another received the blessing and one was sanctified. These are among the younger folks of the community. They are now taking an active part in the services and they shout and dance under the mighty power of God. Others express their desire to attend these meetings but are hindered on account of the deep snow and they live too far away. Love and unity seem to prevail. Oh how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It has been impossible for us to be with the folks personally since Christmas on account of the heavy snow storms which make it impossible to travel in a car, but we have kept in touch with them. Our hearts are in this work and we ask all to pray for this needy field and that the Lord will have His way with us. — J. W. Kinsey and wife, Blanding, Utah.

Revival Fire Kindled At Hamilton, Ohio

I'll make a brief report of the revival held at Hamilton, Ohio by Brother B. L. Hicks. It began Dec. 13. Brother Hicks preached for two weeks. His messages were interesting and so convincing that people became interested in holiness. Thus a revival fire was kindled and the meeting continued with Sister Ina Scribner our local Y. P. E. president doing the preaching. God honored her efforts and it was nothing strange to see numbers of men lying on the floor slain by the power of God. This meeting is said by some to be the best ever held in Hamilton. Fifty received the Holy Ghost, twenty-seven added to the church with more considering to affiliate and nineteen were baptized in water. During this meeting a band of people from Oxford, Ohio were looking for a place to worship and somehow they found the Church of God in Hamilton. They seemed well pleased that God had the preeminence and several received the Holy Ghost.

Under the able leadership of our beloved pastor, Brother Benge, the church is making steady progress in the advancement of God's cause. — Glyndon Logsdon, Hamilton, Ohio.

face. Some said it was a peculiar time to have a revival, right in the mid winter but God knows His business and I believe He was pleased with this revival. Surely this is a special time when God is pouring out His Spirit getting people ready for Him. During this revival there were fifty-two saved, thirty-three sanctified, thirty-one received the Holy Ghost and twenty-three came into the church. We thank and praise the Lord and give Him all the honor for the success of this meeting. Pray for me that I will be faithful and do my best in this evil day. As I look on the world and see sin and sorrow on every hand I wonder sometime if I am doing all I can. Oh, I'm afraid we let opportunities pass where we could help some one. May God help us to move forward and do more for Him and His cause. — Annie Freeze, Rt. 2.

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